



# GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Achieving and celebrating success for all.....*

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## Stars of the Week!

1JM – Teddy Hodgson  
1CA – Jamie Murray  
1JF – Ben Berwick  
2JC – Lexia Hook  
2CA – Vinnie Southgate  
2EL – Stanley Rawles  
3ST—Lois Pankhurst  
3 KO— Amelia Stringer  
3CS— Shemiah Muyangana  
4DS— Harry Rixon  
4LW— Roxy Scott Douglas  
4HT— Freya Allaway  
5CS— Whole Year  
5FA— Whole Year  
5JB— Whole Year  
6HR— Talia Faulkner  
6DP— Temira Churches  
6MB— Cassidy Rodgers

### Rainbow Room star of the week:

Jack Bishop

**Librarian of the week :** Sayali Elmer

### Play Leader of the week:

Gabrielle Howard

### Play Buddy of the week:

Aaron Everett

### Our attendance stars this week are :

Yellow class with 99.3%,  
KS1—1JF with 99.3%, 2EL with 99.3%  
KS2—Class 5CS with a fabulous 100%

### Dates for the diary this week:

Celebration of Black History— All Week

15th October—Celebration of Black History Workshops, Yrs 1, 3 & 4HT

16th October—Year 2 Trip to Belfairs Woodland Centre

16th October—District Table Tennis Competition (for A and B teams) at Grove Wood 1-3pm, no spectators

17th October—Celebration of Black History Workshops Years 2, 4, 5 & 6

17th October—Reception—Celebration of Black History , carnival of stories

18th October—Parent Consultations

19th October - Year Two 'Wild' Dress up day



The children from Years 1 and 5 performed their Harvest Festival Assemblies at the Holy Trinity Church in Rayleigh last week. Parents and members of the school community were welcome by Reverend David Oxtoby who also spoke at both of the services. Thank you to all the parents who helped with walking the children to and from the church. Donations made at the Festival Assembly raised a fantastic £248.49

Thank you to those parents who have returned the data collection forms. If you have not already done so please, post your child's data collection form in the relevant pigeon hole in the office, or return via the class Teacher. Many Thanks

### A message for Year 2 parents and carers,

If you have a morning message for the year 2 teachers, this should be a written note in the home school book or given as a separate note. Messages can also be passed through senior staff or support staff at the front gates each morning. This system works well for all other year groups entering site in the morning. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, there are opportunities at the end of the day.

Our Lessons in school start as soon as the children arrive and register so the teachers priority in the morning is the children getting settled for learning. We are finding an increasing number of parents wanting to pass messages to the teachers on the door, which is delaying registration



On a warm and bright Friday afternoon, 6 schools came together to start the first round of the fixtures for the Jim Smith Cup. The final game gave Grove Wood an even greater task. Fairways had also recorded two victories over the afternoon and the team knew that to win this competition, they would have to be successful in their final match. Grove Wood worked brilliantly as a team with all players featuring in the last game to record their third victory of the afternoon with a tense 2-1 win. It was a tough afternoon for the Grove Wood team but their perseverance and teamwork shone through and enabled them to start the Jim Smith Cup with three victories from three matches. Grove Wood must continue this form in the second half of the competition. Well done team, you did yourselves proud. Mr Benson and Mr Banks

#### Tuesday 2nd October - District Football Competition

Our Year 5/6 boys team played together competitively for the first time last week in the Rayleigh/Rochford/Castlepoint District football competition. We started the morning with a calm and solid performance against South Benfleet, where we were victorious (2-0) with goals from Noah and Freddie A. Our second game was a tight match against Canvey Junior, but the boys persisted to attack and threaten the goal, eventually winning the game 1-0 with a late penalty (Noah). Our final group game saw a great team performance against Holy Family with excellent defending, goalkeeping and positive attacking play, but we did not manage to get the vital goal. Regardless of this our results saw us through to the knockout games. We met a strong Woodham Lay team in the quarter finals, but with all the opportunities and possession, Grove Wood could not capitalise and we conceded our one and only goal of the day, which sadly knocked us out of the competition. Thanks you to all the boys for their efforts – Freddie P, Freddie A, Daniel H, James H, Ronnie C, Noah H, Ronnie R, Aysa W, Max G and Danny C!



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October saw the 'curtain opener' for our girls football squad and their 2018-19 season. The girls were matched with Rayleigh Primary, Glebe, Kents Hill and Holt Farm in the group stage. They had a great start against Glebe, earning a confident 2-0 victory. Similarly in our second match, the girls played with positivity and drive earning a 1-0 win against Kents Hill. Our next match was tough, against a very strong Rayleigh Primary team, who took the lead early on, but a determined and powerful performance saw our girls snatch victory (2-1). We finished strong in our group against Holt Farm, winning the match 3-0. These results saw us win the group and play Lubbins in the quarter final. This was a tight game which finished with penalties. We were eventually victorious, winning 3-2. Our semi-final saw us matched for the second time in the tournament with Rayleigh Primary. This was by far our toughest game, with energy levels low after the difficult quarter final victory, we fell short to a strong Rayleigh performance, losing the match 2-0. Grove Wood girls were seeking the third place spot in their final match vs Plumberow in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place playoff. This was our best performance with all girls contributing to a strong 3-0 win. A great afternoon and brilliant attitude towards success and respect to oppositions shown by all the girls... Well done to – Amelia K, Hannah B, Jessica J, Freya B, Olivia S, Holly-Mae E, Connie R, Emma D, Ruby E, Brooke S and Sophie S. #GetActive

#### Children's University—Half Term Activity

As the leaves change colour and drift to the floor this Autumn, the forest becomes a multi-coloured playground. Visit your local Forestry Commission forest this half term, kick some leaves around and add to your passport from a selection of Children's University activity packs. Find our Autumn activity pack here:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/childrens-university-autumn-activities> (on the second page)



The new secondary school admission round opened on Wednesday, 12 September 2018. This is for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school for September 2019.

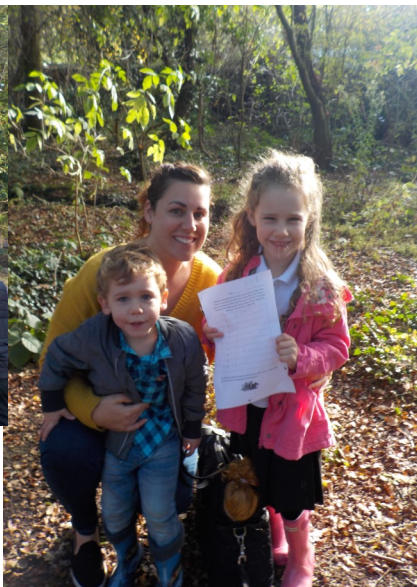
It is the responsibility of parents to apply for a school place at the correct times. You will not receive any letters from Essex County Council to inform you to apply for your child's school place.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2018.

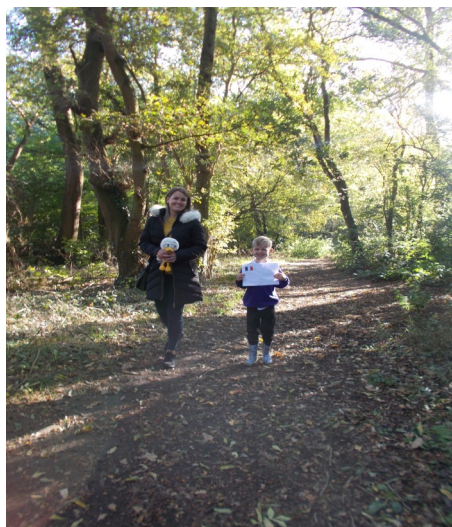
Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

Year two 'Wild dress up day' Please can children come dressed as something relating to our them 'Wild Things', we have previously seen wild animals/creatures, zoo keeper, explorer, woodland creature and birds. Please do not spend money on costumes, outfits you have at home that can be linked to the wild are also suitable. Many Thanks the Year 2 Team





In Reception this week our grown ups joined us for a sponsored Winnie the Pooh and Friends Walk! We looked for the Character clues in the woods to solve a number and numicon trail. It was wet, muddy and great fun. Thank you grown ups for your continuing support in our shared learning activities. The Reception Team



Year 1 and their teddies went on an exciting adventure on Tuesday, to fill up our passports with stickers from countries from all around the world! The children had a brilliant time exploring the woods and park searching high and low to find as many countries as they could. Thank you to all of the adults who made this event possible. We have already had lots of sponsorship money returned. Please return any remaining sponsorship by next week so that we can give you a total before half term. Thanks the Year 1 Team.

## PAGWPS NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on **31st October at 1.15pm** in the Family Learning room. Everyone is welcome to join us so please come along.

### Halloween Disco

Tickets will be available for collection between 8.45—9.15am & 3—3.30pm, outside the office Wednesday 17th October and Thursday 18th October. If you can not collect at these times, please message our FB page and we will arrange for your child's ticket to be sent to their teacher in the register. **MONDAY is the last day for ticket purchase, no tickets will be sold on the door.**

### Pre Loved Uniform Sale

We will be holding a preloved sale on **Wednesday 17th October between 2.45— 3.30pm**. This will be located outside the office. All purple uniform is priced at £1 and black uniform 50p

### Adventure Wonderland Tickets

Looking for somewhere to see the big man in the red suit this year? We highly recommend Adventure Island, and PAGWPS have a fantastic deal! **Purchase a child's ticket for £25**, a saving of up to £15. Included in the children's ticket price is one complimentary adult ticket, an visit to the arts and crafts post office, meet and greet with Mother Claus where you can help her make some reindeer food, a personal experience with Father Christmas and the choice of a fabulous gift, a game card pre-loaded with three free games in the magical, family friendly, fun centre! 4 Fun-tastic indoor rides – plus 5 outdoor rides!

PLUS for the first time ever you can enjoy a Festive ride on the biggest and best rollercoaster, Rage! Just look for Feelgoods Pizza Pasta, Play and claim your complementary gingerbread man biscuit and delicious Hot Chocolate or Berry Juice (or Mulled Wine for the adults)! . Also included in is a child's entry to Sealife Adventure Aquarium and a child's meal voucher at the Clarence Yard. We think you would agree that for £25 these tickets are fantastic value!!!!

### Coins For Cash

After the success of last years Cash for Coins campaign PAGWPS are again asking for donations of unused foreign currency and old tender. This will be converted into pounds for the school. A donation bucket will continue to be located in the office throughout the year.